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OPERATION STREETSWEEPER

QUEEN CITY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SELLING CRACK COCAINE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announced that today, Lloyd J. Coleman, 38 years old, of Manchester, pleaded guilty to three counts of distributing crack cocaine. According to information disclosed during the plea hearing, Coleman sold crack cocaine to an undercover police officer from his Manchester home on three occasions in July 2004. Coleman's plea was accepted by U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr.,

Coleman faces a maximum prison term of 20 years and a fine on each of the three counts. Coleman's sentencing is scheduled for June 17, 2005. Coleman has been incarcerated since shortly after his arrest in January and will remain incarcerated pending his sentencing.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono applauded the efforts of the Manchester Police Department and New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, stating, "The Special Investigations Unit of the Manchester Police Department and the Drug Task Force have a long history of investigating and seeking prosecution of complex drug networks in and around Manchester. They understand and recognize that street level dealers pose a real threat to the community if left unchecked. This Operation Streetsweeper case demonstrates that law enforcement within the State are dedicated to the investigation of drug trafficking in an effort to eradicate drugs from New Hampshire."

This matter was investigated by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Manchester Police Department as part of Operation Streetsweeper, a federal program administered by the United States Attorney's Office to reduce street-level drug distribution in New Hampshire's larger cities. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Morse.